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## **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES - DRAFT**

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on November 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

**PRESENT:** Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Mary Diamond, DO (@ 4:47 pm); Sandy Elliott, CNM; Richard Henderson, MD; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

**ABSENT:** Ronald Castaldo, PhD, CRNA; Leena Paul, MD; Manisha Wadhwa, MD

**GUESTS:** Amy Bryfogle; Kristen Hammerer; Jill Englund Jensen

**PRESIDING:** Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

**STAFF:** Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, Executive Director - Division of Professional Regulation; Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

### **2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Elliott moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3.0 Old Business**

3.1. Discussion regarding the development of FAQs – Board members continued to discuss the FAQs for APRNs and independent practice. Previous remarks emailed by Dr. Castaldo to Dr. Mack were shared with committee members. An updated algorithm was reviewed. A definition of a licensed health care delivery systems was drafted. Dr. Mack will synthesize committee members' suggested comments in a revised FAQ document for review at the December APRN committee meeting. In addition, the committee discussed defining an established health care organization as an entity linked with the National Practitioner Identifier (NPI) Registry. This would require changes in the current APRN legislation.

3.2. Discussion of application process for independent practice – Dr. Mack confirmed that the Division continues to administratively work on the application. A draft of the application is expected to be available at the Committee's December meeting.

**4.0 Other Business** (for discussion)

Information about the APRN Compact was distributed, as well as the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact. The APRN committee members discussed readiness to move forward with the APRN Compact, as well as proposed changes in the APRN statute, in the 2017 legislative session.

A quorum for the December meeting was confirmed among those members in attendance. The APRN Committee date will need to be changed in January, as it falls on Martin Luther King Day and state offices are closed. The Committee members agreed to meet January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at 4:30 pm, then resuming meetings on the third Monday of each month at the Division.

**4.0. Public Comment** – Dr. Jensen requested a time line for completion of the APRNs FAQs and their incorporation onto the BON web page. She stated that among her colleagues, she expects that there will be about 20 APRN applications for independent practice, when available.

**5.0 Next Meeting Dates** – December 12, 2016; January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

**6.0 Adjournment** – 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



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Executive Director, Board of Nursing